

HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBERT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR20-095 JLR
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
GENE WAMSLEY,)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY
Defendant.)	PLEA HEARING VIA
)	VIDEOCONFERENCE

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Wamsley would like to take responsibility in this matter and resolve it in a timely fashion; and

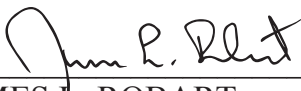
(c) Mr. Wamsley wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr.

1 Wamsley that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution of his
2 case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

3 (d) A videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
4 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
5 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea
7 hearing via videoconference at the earliest practicable date.

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9 DONE this 30th day of September, 2020.

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12 JAMES L. ROBART
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

14 Presented by:

15 /s/ Winston Choe
16 Winston Choe # 49703
17 Attorney for Defendant